

Mayor's Council on African American Elders

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Meeting Summary

June 17, 2011

Members Present – Cynthia Andrews, Kameka Brown, Gwendolyn Coates, Chair, Carolyn Johnson Davis, Rose Floyd, Karen Kent, Marti Lindeman, Michael Lusk, Helen Sikov

Members Excused: Rowena Rye, Anthony Shoecraft, Jeannine Skinner

Staff – Karen Winston

I. Approval of May Meeting Summary

The May meeting summary was adopted as written.

II. ADS Area Plan Draft Objectives

Karen W. provided an overview of Aging and Disability Services (ADS) activities to get input for development of the 2012-2015 Area Plan on Aging. The plan will guide the work of ADS over the next four years and is shaped, in part, by community input. The document highlights goals and objectives and summarizes the ADS annual budget. Karen summarized input received from Community Conversations held at several ethnic meal sites; input from an on-line questionnaire; input from African American kinship care providers; and input from community providers serving older adults and people with disabilities. For a copy of the presentation email

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Next steps for the Area Plan development – The draft plan will be available for public review process beginning July 25 to August 12. During this period three public hearings have been planned in South and East King County and in central Seattle.

Wednesday, July 27, 10:00 a.m.

Renton City Hall, Council
Chambers
1055 S. Grady Way,
Renton, WA 98057

Tuesday, August 9, 10:00 a.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E112
450 110th Ave. NE
Bellevue, WA 98009

Friday, August 12, 2:15 p.m.

Seattle Municipal Tower, Room
4060
700 – 5th Ave
Seattle, WA 98124

The final plan is due to the State Unit on Aging October 1, 2011. Following Karen's review, MCAAE members made the following comments:

- Would like to see more objectives regarding behavioral health (for example GRAT, PEARLS, substance abuse and mental health) trainings and consultations.
- Assistive devices – seniors need more assistance with getting these since Medicaid cuts do not allow coverage for it anymore.

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- Transportation is a really big issue.
- The August 12 public hearing should be held in a more accessible location in the community instead of downtown in the Seattle Municipal Tower.

III. Committee Reports

Legislative Advocacy Committee – Members discussed different options for planning a legislative forum for 2011. Marti recommended organizing a candidate's forum for individuals running for Seattle City Council or King County Council positions. Members agreed and decided to pursue the idea.

- Cynthia recommended having it on a weekday, between 12 to 2 p.m., in order to increase participation of seniors. The suggested venue is the Central Area Senior Center.
- Cynthia also suggested scheduling the forum before voter ballots are mailed, since seniors are known to be among those who complete and return it first.
- Marti later learned that the Primary is August 15th and ballots will be mailed July 29. Therefore, July 28 could be the date to have the forum.
- Cynthia will confirm the date and time. She will also extend an invitation to other Senior Centers.
- Karen, Marti and Anthony will send invitation letters to city and county candidates and confirm their participation.
- Karen will create a flyer to publicize the event.
- Marti will contact George Dicks and ask if he is willing to be the moderator.

Outreach & Education Committee – Michael reported that the committee met and discussed the possibility of partnering with the African American Childcare Taskforce (AACHTF) on a project targeting kinship care providers. He reported that committee members decided it would be too much work for the MCAAE to take on. He indicated he will follow-up with the Sandra Woods-Pollard and recommend they connect with the Central Area Senior Center (CASC) Kinship Care Project. The CASC Kinship Project partners with the Casey Family Services and includes case managers who serve children and teens in foster families as well as those kinship care providers.

Digital Communications Committed – Marti shared an email from Kimberly McKnight, a computer instructor from Delaware. The letter commends the MCAAE website for being an excellent resource while offering an additional resource to post regarding seniors and safety. The website is <http://assistedlivingway.com/w/safety/>. Topics covered includes safety, avoiding scams and crimes, abuse issues, and assisted living. Marti would like the link to be added to the website.

Clergy Workshop Planning – Gwendolyn reported that the second clergy workshop is still planning for the end of September or the beginning of October. The plan is to duplicate the same agenda as the February workshop. Gwendolyn will confirm the date, time and location.

Nominations Committee – Gwendolyn appointed the following members to the 2011 Nominations Committee. Committee members were asked to develop a recommended slate of officers for 2012 and provide a report at the July meeting. MCAAE members will vote to approve their recommendations at the August meeting. Committee members include Karen K., Michael, Cynthia, and Kameka.

IV. July MCAAE Meeting

Gwendolyn reported she will be out of town for July meeting. She may be able to join the meeting by phone. She will ask Anthony to chair in her absence.

V. Announcements

Gwendolyn announced that she has been appointed Bishop-Elect, Presiding Prelate Episcopal for the Pacific Northwest and Central. The Dominion Assembly of Charismatic Churches is a networking and partnership alliance designed to meet the spiritual needs of senior pastors and their spouses.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2011, in the SMT 60th Floor, Room 6030.